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## Weekly Events

### The Kinsey Sicks:

"America's Favorite Dragapella Beautyshop Quartet."

Fri. Oct. 31, Dodd Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Tickets:  
Students \$3  
Non students: \$5

### Halloweens:

Fri. Oct. 31, Great Hall, 9 p.m.  
Sponsored by Class Council

### Haunted House:

Fri. Oct. 31, Washroom, 8 p.m.  
Admission is free, sponsored by Cheap Seats

### Rocky Horror Picture Show:

Sat. Nov 1, Great Hall, 9 p.m. Live cast and free props and admission.  
Doors open at 8:30. Sponsored by Cheap Seats

### Interested in Studing in Mexico?

Registration for "Monuments, Marvels and Miracles in Mexico," led by Spanish Professor Jessica Locke is due Nov. 3. Program runs Jan. 2-10. Worth 1 degree credit. Contact [jocke@umw.edu](mailto:jocke@umw.edu) for more info.

Events courtesy of OSACS. If you would like your event listed, contact The Bulletin at [newsxcrew@gmail.com](mailto:newsxcrew@gmail.com). Send a flyer image if possible.

Want to get involved? Come to a staff meeting on Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Bulletin office, located in the lower-level of Seacobeck, or contact [newsxcrew@gmail.com](mailto:newsxcrew@gmail.com)



## Outside the Fence



By HEATHER BRADY  
News Editor

### Regional

52-year-old former Roman Catholic Priest Rodney Rodis is set to face state charges after being convicted on federal charges of taking hundreds of thousands of dollars from two rural Virginia churches. He is serving a 63-month term for his federal conviction, and was ordered to repay about \$600,000.

His trial on the state charges is expected to begin Wednesday in Louisa County Circuit Court. If convicted on all charges, he faces up to 250 years in prison. (The Free Lance-Star (AP), Oct. 29; [www.fredericksburg.com](http://www.fredericksburg.com))



Alex Jaffee/Bullet

## Very Few Students Use Escort Service

By ALEX JAFFEE and SARAH SMITH  
Staff Writers

Although a recent on campus sexual assault has caused debate over campus safety, fewer than 10 students per night take advantage of the rides offered by the Public Safety Student Escort Service.

The Student Escort Service is a means of transportation provided under the campus police.

"There are nights when I'll have five or six escorts, some nights I'll have none," said senior and student head of the Public Safety and Student Escort Service Fenwick Gilroy. While the numbers spiked a couple weeks ago, student ride requests have begun to taper off.

Any member of the student body, faculty or staff can call for an escort using any of the blue light phones or by phoning the police station at (540) 654-1025, 24 hours a day. Student public safety aides are on duty weeknights from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and weekend nights from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. During all other hours, officers are available to serve as escorts.

While escorts are on duty, they have direct radio connection with an emergency connections operator to ensure the safety of the student and driver.

"It's been surprisingly hard to get students to trust us, to call the police in the middle of the night for an escort," Gilroy said.

Part of this mistrust stems from what Gilroy describes as "an overall disconnect between the police officers and the students."

Many students worry that they will be denied a ride if they have been drinking.

"People think they'll get in trouble for being drunk," said sophomore Lauren Stryker. However, Stryker says this isn't the case.

"According to everyone that I've talked to that drives the van, as long as you're not physically throwing up or passing out, if you're drinking, they're not going to do anything [to get you in trouble]," she said.

UMW Police Sergeant Joseph Samuels reaffirmed this distinction, citing the difference between mild intoxication and public drunkenness.

"There's a difference between someone who has had a few drinks and someone who is drunk in public. If they call for a ride and are not obviously sick, falling down, belligerent or disorderly, we give them a ride," he said.

The primary goal of the service is safety.

"I'd rather have them in the van getting where they need to go, rather than out on the street getting hurt," Samuels said.

Currently, the Student Escort van is unable to transport students along campus walk, as it is technically a sidewalk and cannot be traversed by unauthorized vehicles. The van's official radius spans the area bordered by Littlepage St., Hanover St. and Stafford Ave.

According to Sergeant J. Samuels, the service also provides transport to and from the local CVS, train and bus stations, and from Mary Washington Hospital.

"I allow them now to go to the Park 'n' shop since the school now owns it," Samuels said.

Vice President for Administration and Finance Richard Hurley and Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and Community Services Susan Knick approved the purchase of two high-end golf carts for Student Escort Service use. According to Samuels, the golf carts, which will be implemented in the coming weeks, will be split between Campus Walk and the parking deck.

"Having the golf carts will change how we do business because we'll have more resources at our disposal," Gilroy said.

The golf carts will enable the Student Escort Service to implement more efficient routes for transporting students, since they no longer will have to circumvent the campus.

"I can't expect students to use the service if it's not efficient. Obviously we want them safe, but it's got to be efficient or they're not going to use it," Gilroy said.

The program currently does not have a venue for students to comment on its service. Gilroy would, however, be interested in setting up a system to receive student input.

"If there are any complaints, I'd love to know about them. I would like to come up with some sort of method for students to voice their concerns," he said.

Both Gilroy and Samuels see the Student Escort Service as a positive way to make students comfortable with requesting rides.

"They are of the student body, so their peers feel comfortable," said Samuels.

"I'm trying to get the student program to act as a go-between, between the student body and the campus police and public safety," Gilroy said. "Students would be more receptive and more comfortable accepting rides from fellow students than they would be getting in the back of a squad car."

The Public Safety Student Escort Service, whose annual budget is approximately \$15,300, currently employs seven paid students and two student volunteers. Student public safety aides must not have any criminal, Judicial Review Board, Honor Council or serious traffic violations, in addition

### National

In the second-biggest point gain ever for the Dow Jones industrial average, stocks skyrocketed nearly 11 percent on Tuesday. They were buoyed by signs of improving credit conditions and expectations of a slash in a key interest rate yesterday by the Federal Reserve. Investors were cheered by reports that the Federal Reserve was making progress in unlocking corporate debt markets through its program to buy commercial paper, or loans used for everyday operations, and by developments at major blue-chip companies, including Boeing and General Motors. (The Washington Post, Oct. 29; [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com))

### Global

On Sept. 28, Pakistani and Afghan leaders agreed to make contact with the Taliban and other insurgent groups to try to end the bloodshed and violence in their border regions. Leaders from the two countries reached the decision at the end of a two-day mini-tribal council called a *jirgakai*, which was held as a follow-up to a grand tribal jirga in Kabul in August 2007. The meeting was attended by 50 officials and tribal elders from both sides, and opened the door for negotiations with opposition forces in Afghanistan. (The Washington Post, Oct. 29; [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com))

## No Roaches, But Three Other Health Violations in Nest

By JOHANNAH O'KEEFE  
Staff Writer

On Oct. 10, 12 days after a student allegedly found a cockroach in his sandwich, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) conducted an inspection of the Nest and reported three critical violations, none of which involved the presence of cockroaches.

The inspector reported hot food being held at improper temperatures, several soiled surfaces, and the presence of fruit flies in the dishwashing area. According to the VDH report, staff immediately corrected these violations.

The report also says that dining services have taken the following actions to improve sanitation and safety at the Nest: new cutting boards at the pizza prep and the sandwich prep units are on order, a new sink and dishwasher are scheduled to be installed, and the missing ceiling tiles over the vegetable prep table and nacho station are to be replaced.

UMW Dining Services have taken other steps to ensure that the Nest is pest free.

According to John Dering, general manager of dining services on campus, an exterminator visited the Nest the day after the incident and deter-

mined there were no cockroaches in the facilities.

Dining services also contacted their lettuce distributor after the incident. Produce is provided to the nest by Keany Produce.

According to Dering, the distributor investigated and found no evidence of cockroaches in any other lettuce stock.

Dering points out that "no one's seen the cockroach; [Luan Cao] didn't show any Nest employees. We have no confirmation of it existing."

Since learning of the cockroach incident, many students are more skeptical of their Nest meals.

"I'm less excited to eat at the Nest now," senior Emily Henry said.

Soon after the cockroach was found, dining services posted a flier at the sandwich station that lightheartedly read "Nest sandwiches, now available without cockroaches!"

However, at the time the flier went up, many students were not even aware that a student had found a cockroach in his sandwich.

"I thought [the flier] was just a joke, but I was confused. Then, I found out from someone else what had happened," senior Madison Brennaman said.

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for," she said.

Young Democrats Treasurer, junior Matthew Guckenburg, noted the importance of both parties rallying in Fredericksburg so close to the election.

"It's great she came, so people get a chance to see all sides of the political perspective," Guckenburg said. "An overwhelming number of students that we registered on campus are Obama supporters, but it is great to have major candidates from both parties coming to this small town in Virginia."

Smith agreed that the college student demographic leans left.

"The majority of young people support Obama. At face value, he is a younger candidate, and I think younger people feel that a young candidate understands our needs better."

With five days until the polls open Nov. 4, McCain sees the urgency among the younger demographic to reach the polls this year and drop off their ballot.



Brittany Devries/Bullet

"It is such an important year because this determines so many issues that will affect us, like healthcare, the job market, and social security," McCain said. "It is our generation that is going to be affected by the candidate we elect into office."

### Correction:

In "House on William Street Purchased by UMW Foundation" (Oct. 23), Teresa Mannix was misquoted as saying the University would pay taxes on the UMW Foundation's newly purchased house. The UMW Foundation is paying real estate taxes on the property.



# Viewpoints

## The Bullet, Along with Diddy, Wants you to Vote

In the immortal words of a t-shirt worn by (P.) Diddy in 2004: "Vote or Die."

Whether you've been registered for years, or just filled out an application to get an obnoxious canvasser on campus walk to leave you alone, it's time to follow through and actually cast those crucial ballots.

This election is historical on so many accounts. Besides the obvious race and gender landmarks, it will be most Mary Washington students' first time voting in a presidential election.

This is our election. Of the 436,155 newly registered voters in Virginia, 40 percent of them are under the age of 25. As most of our plans include trying to get a job and some form of health care in the next five years, Mary Washington students are afforded a new perspective on the direct effect policy decisions will have on our lives. Tuesday's outcome matters to us in a whole new way.

Fredericksburg is not just home to a Civil War battleground, but a political one as well. Three of the four major candidates have visited our humble little city, and students joined

community members to brave rain and porta-potties in unprecedented numbers. Our Facebook newsfeeds are awash with the political declarations of our classmates and friends.

Kudos to the College Republicans and Young Democrats for campaigning in a respectful and lively manner. Bipartisan events like the debate in Dodd and E Pluribus Unum's voter drive on Ball Circle prove our campus's diversity and tolerant spirit.

Both groups efforts to register students especially emphasize our community's commitment to civic responsibility, not just party politics.

Still, it's hard to ignore the negativity. Youtube is

clogged with over-the-top attack ads, and many of us are complaining of election fatigue.

However, don't let the mindless jargon and below-the-belt jabs discourage you from voting. Seize your opportunity to speak your

mind, especially if you're disenchanted with the American political system. If you don't think any of the listed candidates are worthy of Oval Office, you could always write someone in.

P. Diddy anyone?

## Staff Editorial



photo courtesy of scotchlocks.blogspot.com

## Board of Visitors is No Great Dictator

BY JUSTIN TONEY  
Guest Columnist

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## Outside the Fence



By HEATHER BRADY  
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### Regional

52-year-old former Roman Catholic Priest Rodney Rodis is set to face state charges after being convicted on federal charges of taking hundreds of thousands of dollars from two rural Virginia churches. He is serving a 63-month term for his federal conviction, and was ordered to repay about \$600,000. His trial on the state charges is expected to begin Wednesday in Louisa County Circuit Court. If convicted on all charges, he faces up to 250 years in prison. (The Free Lance-Star (AP), Oct. 29; [www.fredericksburg.com](http://www.fredericksburg.com))



Alex Jaffee Bulletin

## Very Few Students Use Escort Service

By ALEX JAFFEE and SARAH SMITH  
Staff Writers

Although a recent on-campus sexual assault has caused debate over campus safety, fewer than 10 students per night take advantage of the rides offered by the Public Safety Student Escort Service.

The Student Escort Service is a means of transportation provided under the campus police.

"There are nights when I'll have five or six escorts, some nights I'll have none," said senior and student head of the Public Safety and Student Escort Service Fenwick Gilroy. While the numbers spiked a couple weeks ago, student ride requests have begun to taper off.

Any member of the student body, faculty or staff can call for an escort using any of the blue light phones or by phoning the police station at (540) 654-1025, 24 hours a day. Student public safety aides are on duty weeknights from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and weekend nights from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. During all other hours, officers are available to serve as escorts.

While escorts are on duty, they have direct radio connection with an emergency connections operator to ensure the safety of the student and driver.

"It's been surprisingly hard to get students to trust us, to call the police in the middle of the night for an escort," Gilroy said.

Part of this mistrust stems from what Gilroy describes as "an overall disconnect between the police officers and the students."

Many students worry that they will be denied a ride if they have been drinking.

"People think they'll get in trouble for being drunk," said sophomore Lauren Stryker. However, Stryker says this isn't the case.

"According to everyone that I've talked to that drives the van, as long as you're not physically throwing up or passing out, if you're drinking, they're not going to do anything [to get you in trouble]," she said.

UMW Police Sergeant Joseph Samuels reaffirmed this distinction, citing the difference between mild intoxication and public drunkenness.

"There's a difference between someone who has had a few drinks and someone who is drunk in public. If they call for a ride and are not obviously sick, falling down, belligerent or disorderly, we give them a ride," he said.

The primary goal of the service is safety.

"I'd rather have them in the van getting where they need to go, rather than out on the street getting hurt," Samuels said.

Currently, the Student Escort van is unable to transport students along campus walk, as it is technically a sidewalk and cannot be traversed by unauthorized vehicles. The van's official radius spans the area bordered by Littlepage St., Hanover St. and Stafford Ave.

According to Sergeant J. Samuels, the service also provides transport to and from the local CVS, train and bus stations, and from Mary Washington Hospital.

"I allow them now to go to the Park 'n' shop" since the school now owns it," Samuels said.

Vice President for Administration and Finance Richard Hurley and Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and Community Services Susan Knick approved the purchase of two high-end golf carts for Student Escort Service use. According to Samuels, the golf carts, which will be implemented in the coming weeks, will be split between Campus Walk and the parking deck.

"Having the golf carts will change how we do business because we'll have more resources at our disposal," Gilroy said.

The golf carts will enable the Student Escort Service to implement more efficient routes for transporting students, since they no longer will have to circumvent the campus.

"I can't expect students to use the service if it's not efficient. Obviously we want them safe, but it's got to be efficient and they're not going to use it," Gilroy said.

The program currently does not have a venue for students to comment on its service. Gilroy would, however, be interested in setting up a system to receive student input.

"If there are any complaints, I'd love to know about them. I would like to come up with some sort of method for students to voice their concerns," he said.

Both Gilroy and Samuels see the Student Escort Service as a positive way to make students comfortable with requesting rides.

"They are of the student body, so their peers feel comfortable," said Samuels.

"I'm trying to get the student program to act as a go-between, between the student body and the campus police and public safety," Gilroy said. "Students would be more receptive and more comfortable accepting rides from fellow students than they would be getting in the back of a squad car."

The Public Safety Student Escort Service, whose annual budget is approximately \$15,300, currently employs seven paid students and two student volunteers. Student public safety aides must not have any criminal, Judicial Review Board, Honor Council or serious traffic violations, in addition

### National

In the second-biggest point gain ever for the Dow Jones industrial average, stocks skyrocketed nearly 11 percent on Tuesday. They were buoyed by signs of improving credit conditions and expectations of a slash in a key interest rate yesterday by the Federal Reserve. Investors were cheered by reports that the Federal Reserve was making progress in unlocking corporate debt markets through its program to buy commercial paper, or loans used for everyday operations, and by developments at major blue-chip companies, including Boeing and General Motors. (The Washington Post, Oct. 29; [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com))

### Global

On Sept. 28, Pakistani and Afghan leaders agreed to make contact with the Taliban and other insurgent groups to try to end the bloodshed and violence in their border regions. Leaders from the two countries reached the decision at the end of a two-day mini-tribal council called a *jirgah*, which was held as a follow-up to a grand tribal jirga in Kabul in August 2007. The meeting was attended by 50 officials and tribal elders from both sides, and opened the door for negotiations with opposition forces in Afghanistan. (The Washington Post, Oct. 29; [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com))

## No Roaches, But Three Other Health Violations in Nest

By JOHANNAH O'KEEFE  
Staff Writer

On Oct. 10, 12 days after a student allegedly found a cockroach in his sandwich, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) conducted an inspection of the Nest and reported three critical violations, none of which involved the presence of cockroaches.

The inspector reported hot food being held at improper temperatures, several soiled surfaces, and the presence of fruit flies in the dishwashing area. According to the VDH report, staff immediately corrected these violations.

The report also says that dining services have taken the following actions to improve sanitation and safety at the Nest: new cutting boards at the pizza prep and the sandwich prep units are on order, a new sink and dishwasher are scheduled to be installed, and the missing ceiling tiles over the vegetable prep table and nacho station are to be replaced.

UMW Dining Services have taken other steps to ensure that the Nest is pest free.

According to John Dering, general manager of dining services on campus, an exterminator visited the Nest the day after the incident and deter-

mined there were no cockroaches in the facilities.

Dining services also contacted their lettuce distributor after the incident. Produce is provided to the nest by Keaney Produce.

According to Dering, the distributor investigated and found no evidence of cockroaches in any other lettuce stock.

Dering points out that "no one's seen the cockroach; [Luan Cao] didn't show any Nest employees. We have no confirmation of it existing."

Since learning of the cockroach incident, many students are more skeptical of their Nest meals.

"I'm less excited to eat at the Nest now," senior Emily Henry said.

Soon after the cockroach was found, dining services posted a flier at the sandwich station that lightheartedly read "Nest sandwiches, now available without cockroaches!"

However, at the time the flier went up, many students were not even aware that a student had found a cockroach in his sandwich.

"I thought [the flier] was just a joke, but I was confused. Then, I found out from someone else what had happened," senior Madison Brennaman said.

## 8,000 Attend Rally

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for," she said.

Young Democrats Treasurer, junior Matthew Guckenburg, noted the importance of both parties rallying in Fredericksburg so close to the election.

"It's great she came, so people get a chance to see all sides of the political perspective," Guckenburg said. "An overwhelming number of students that we registered on campus are Obama supporters, but it is great to have major candidates from both parties coming to this small town in Virginia."

Smith agreed that the college student demographic leans left.

"The majority of young people support Obama. At face value, he is a younger candidate, and I think younger people feel that a young candidate understands our needs better."

With five days until the polls open Nov. 4, McCain sees the urgency among the younger demographic to reach the polls this year and drop off their ballot.



Brittany Devries Bulletin

"It is such an important year because this determines so many issues that will affect us, like healthcare, the job market, and social security," McCain said. "It is our generation that is going to be affected by the candidate we elect into office."

### Correction:

In "House on William Street Purchased by UMW Foundation" (Oct. 23), Teresa Mannix was misquoted as saying the University would pay taxes on the UMW Foundation's newly purchased house. The UMW Foundation is paying real estate taxes on the property.

# Viewpoints

## The *Bullet*, Along with Diddy, Wants you to Vote

In the immortal words of a t-shirt worn by (P.) Diddy in 2004: "Vote or Die."

Whether you've been registered for years, or just filled out an application to get an obnoxious canvasser on campus walk to leave you alone, it's time to follow through and actually cast those crucial ballots.

This election is historical on so many accounts. Besides the obvious race and gender landmarks, it will be most Mary Washington students' first time voting in a presidential election.

This is our election. Of the 436,155 newly registered voters in Virginia, 40 percent of them are under the age of 25. As most of our plans include trying to get a job and some form of health care in the next five years, Mary Washington students are afforded a new perspective on the direct effect policy decisions will have on our lives. Tuesday's outcome matters to us in a whole new way.

Fredericksburg is not just home to a Civil War battleground, but a political one as well. Three of the four major candidates have visited our humble little city, and students joined

community members to brave rain and porta-potties in unprecedented numbers. Our Facebook newsfeeds are awash with the political declarations of our classmates and friends.

Kudos to the College Republicans and Young Democrats for campaigning in a respectful and lively manner. Bipartisan events like the debate

in Dodd and E Pluribus Unum's voter drive on Ball Circle prove our campus's diversity and tolerant spirit.

Both groups efforts to register students especially emphasize our community's commitment to civic responsibility, not just party politics.

Still, it's hard to ignore the negativity. Youtube is

clogged with over-the-top attack ads, and many of us are experiencing election fatigue.

However, don't let the mindless jargon and below-the-belt jabs discourage you from voting. Seize your opportunity to speak your

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P. Diddy anyone?

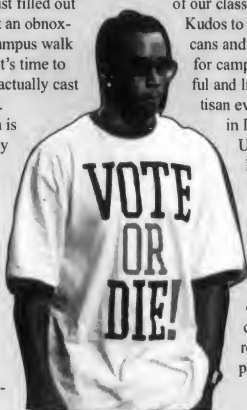


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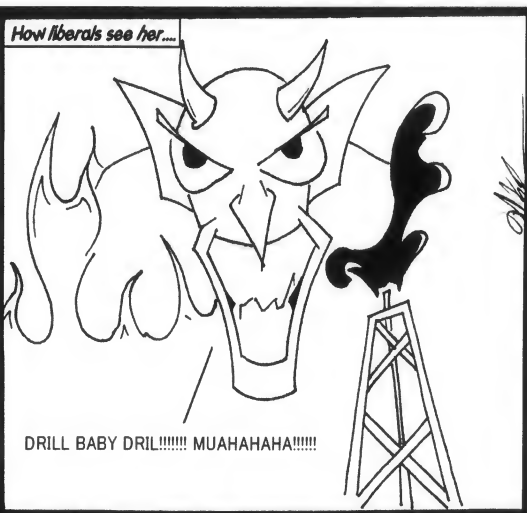
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# Viewpoints

## Clothes Show True Leather of Passion

Last night, I was hanging out with my roommates. We were procrastinating, looking for reasons to keep away from the dreaded Spanish-themed homework that we each had to deal with.

Magically, after sitting around and talking for almost an hour about the difference between French and Argentine pastries, we ended up in the living room with the television on. After flipping through shows with scantily-clad women, soccer games, and soap operas, we ended up on a channel featuring a dubbed "Charlie's Angels."

When the scene with Lucy Liu in her leather clad outfit telling a bunch of IT guys how to do their job came on, all of my male roommates went crazy.

"Man, that is so hot!"

"Shit, that thing is tight!"

"How can she move in that thing?"

This isn't the first time I've seen guys flip over girls bound in tight, squeaky material. What is it about guys' fascination with girls clad in leather or fur? Is there some sort of partial sadomasochism thing that I just don't get?

After the movie was over and none of us could think of any more reasons to ignore our designated assignments, I immediately went to my computer to continue my practice of procrastination.

I discovered that the general term for clothing fetishism is *deraphilia* while the leather-specific interest is a mere subcategory.

The very sound and feel of leather greatly arouses some people while, as my suspicions had indicated, sadomasochism is a big part of the leather craze.

Other materials that bring out the horniest in some people include latex and spandex. Each ma-

terial has its own special characteristics that make both the wearer and sexual partner go wild.

I think my favorite similarity between each of these materials is the fact that they are each shiny. They also include the idea of the wearer having a "second skin."

Along with materials, there are also certain articles of clothing—socks, panties, gloves, and even sneakers—that can really get people hot and steamy.

Personally, if I saw a guy in some sort of leather get-up I would be a little disturbed. I'm not really into the leather look. I mean, yeah, cruelty to animals and such sucks. But more than that, I just find the leather look kind of blasé.

I think I'm the exact opposite of someone with the fetish. The sound and texture of leather just don't do it for me.

The next day, with a little more knowledge under my belt, I went up to each roommate and asked him what his article of clothing he found the most attractive. One said plain white tee-shirt (only), two said thong leotard (where did they even come up with that one?), and the fourth said knee-high boots.

Lingerie is kind of a waste of money. These guys just support my argument. Apparently even leather is more popular than lingerie.

It's just so interesting that preconceptions of sexual arousal can be refuted if one just asks around for some honest opinions.

You feel like dressing sexy for your significant other, I'm not saying you shouldn't go out and immediately buy leather thongs and whips.

Why not ask around before making a purchase?

You never know what that person's actual clothing interest may be, especially when there are apparently over 30 subcategories.

*Sexclamations*  
By KJ Adler,  
Staff Writer

## Keep the Peep Out of Little Bo's Name

Every Halloween the same "Mean Girls" philosophy permeates the fog-machined air:

"In Girl World, Halloween is the one night a year when girls can dress like a total slut and no other girls can say anything about it."

While most girls embrace this opportunity for skimpiness, there are plenty who scoff in disgust.

And then there are girls like me who care less the degree of skankiness contained in a Halloween outfit. It's not how sexy a costume is that makes me cringe, but rather the specific costume being sexified.

Ladies, feel free to be as slutty as you desire this Halloween. Just stay away from Mother Goose.

For whatever reason, the market for ready-made whore-garb has stolen my childhood icons and brandished them with garter belts and obnoxious cleavage. Every female character in nursery-rhyme and fairy-tale history from Rapunzel to Snow White now has their own sexy Halloween costume.

These characters exist in my mind explicitly as residents of a pure, magical, sex-free world. Their portrayal as sluts is a slap in my no-longer-innocent face. I've no interest in finding out how many Oz-gasms the Tin-man got or just how well Alice knew the Muffin Man.

Even more upsetting is the fact that many of these heroine hotties are not only associ-

ated with children, but are children themselves. Hence Bo Peep, Red Riding Hood and Miss Muffet being referred to as "little."

As most girls become scantily clad with the intention of gaining male-attraction, there is a borderline-pedophilic perversion surfacing. Even with ruby slippers, Dorothy Gale is still a 7 year-old. And don't get me started on the Sexy Hermione costume.

Fortunately, not everyone is set on tainting my childhood. A lot of girls take the easy way out in developing a Halloween get-up—just wear lingerie and some kind of animal ears and presto!

I suppose that implies I encourage bestiality over pedophilia.

Regardless, I look forward to wearing my Halloween costume idea for next year.

Kids, get ready for a Slutty Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly.



**Susannigans**  
By Susannah Clark,  
Associate Editor

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## Study Abroad Should Be Affordable for All

BY JONATHAN WIGGINTON  
Guest Columnist

The University of Mary Washington, like many other area schools, is a university that encourages its students to experience the wonderful opportunity of studying abroad.

Students agree: studying abroad is something that should be experienced before graduating, no matter what the costs.

"Would I do it again? Duh," said junior Joe Oschirin, who is currently in the midst of a 12-month program in Paris, France.

Oschirin is not alone. Students all over campus say their experiences abroad are something that they will remember forever, and many hope to travel abroad sometime soon.

One of the more popular trips offered at UMW is the European Capitals program, a 6-credit, 26-day, summer trip organized by the Department of History and American Studies in cooperation with the Department of Political Science and International Affairs.

This trip includes traveling to London, Paris, Vienna, Venice, and Rome, all must-see cities if you are going to travel to Europe.

However, the price tag is a large deterring factor for many students, especially out-of-state students. Students must first pony-up \$5,550 for things such as airfare, accommodations, and transportation between cities. Next, if you are an out-of-state student, you must throw down \$4,212 for the tuition, which is \$2,790 more than in-state students.

This isn't where the expenses stop. Things that are not included are of course spending money, as well as lunches and dinners.

Becca L'Heureux, a junior who spent five weeks of her 2008 summer abroad in Paris said, "I didn't buy any clothes, and I still spent about \$2,000 on day-to-day things."

When added to the trip and tuition costs, out-of-state students may look to spend around \$11,000 dollars while in-state students are looking at about \$8,000.

Mary Turner, a commuter student at UMW, said the prices were just plain outrageous.

"I have a mortgage, a husband, and two kids. A student like myself who is already struggling, has zero chance of doing something like a summer trip," said Turner.

With families trying to save money, an \$8,000+, 26-day study abroad excursion is something many parents would laugh at. In addition, students who are paying their own way through

college simply cannot afford to run up even more student loans on a trip that only garners them six credits.

"That's more [the \$8,000 estimate] than what I pay in tuition for a whole year with nearly 24 credits," said Turner.

Studying abroad is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that many feel must be enjoyed, and junior year is the time to do it. In the first years of college, you are feeling out the university, while the last year of college, you are spending time with the friends you've made over the past three years.

Studying abroad for a semester or, in some cases, the whole year seems to be the financially smart thing to do. This is because you spend a semester abroad, earn yourself your typical course-load of credits (around 15), and pay your normal UMW tuition, which, for in-state students, is a steal. Additionally, the best scholarships are offered to those who study abroad for a semester or a year.

While friends from other schools hop on planes left and right, some students in Fredericksburg are stuck here this summer, wishing they could go. While money is definitely a part of the equation, the university should have an obligation to try and make it affordable to all who wish to partake: in-state, out-of-state, married commuters, and students struggling with loans.

Scholarships and loans are both offered at UMW, but who wants to tack on another student loan? While there are a fair number of scholarships, many of them are extremely competitive, offering help to one or two students. The ones that are not competitive offer insignificant amounts of money.

According to Director of International Academic Services, Christopher Musick, a popular scholarship for summer studies abroad offers \$500. Although the gesture is appreciated, when you are going to spend from \$8,000-\$11,000 on a trip to Europe, \$500 is chump change.

UMW needs to make the European Capitals tour more affordable, especially since it seems to be one of the most popular study abroad programs offered here.

"I feel like many of the extra programs [like the European Capitals] offered at UMW are geared around students who have full or at least partial support from their parents," said Turner.

Ideally, anyone who wants to study abroad should have a legitimate opportunity. They shouldn't have to make a significant dent in their parents or their own bank account. If a student wanted to take part in a one-month study abroad, they shouldn't have to throw down close to \$11,000.

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with UMW's most adventurous faculty!

Join us for a Faculty-Led "Mini" Study Abroad Fair  
Monday November 3rd, from 11-3 at the Eagles Nest.



# Entertainment

## Interactive Horror:

*Tired of Watching Movies? Try This New Release on for Size*

By **ANDREW HOFFMAN**  
Staff Writer

You activate the panel and observe the damage readout, but before you can rejoin your comrades, the quarantine system comes down like a hammer. Unable to do anything but watch through a window, you see something emerge from the vents in the ceiling. Effortlessly, it eviscerates one of your crewmates.

Panicked gunfire fills the adjacent room as your superiors urge you to escape to the nearby elevator. You turn to run and suddenly another one of the creatures is right behind you, growling and swiping angrily. You reach the elevator and it starts to power up when suddenly the creature begins to pull the doors open.

All you can do is watch and back away as its horrific form begins to pull itself through the doorway. Suddenly, the elevator kicks in and the doors snap shut, killing the monster. It's been less than five minutes and *Dead Space* has already established itself as the scariest game of 2008.

In *Dead Space* you play as Isaac Clarke, an engineer sent as part of a repair team aboard a damaged mining spacecraft, the *USG Ishimura*. The team is met by a ship filled with Necromorphs, vicious, murderous creatures created by an alien virus which mutates dead cells.

Thrown in a doomsday cult and government conspiracies and you're getting a sense of the story in *Dead Space*. It may sound cliché but the story is very well done due to how unobtrusive it is. The story is told mostly through the events happening around you and in audio and text logs you find, rather than burdensome exposition.

This streamlined approach, matched with some sharp dialogue and great characters, makes the story more than the sum of its parts.

The game plays as a third-person shooter, arming you with various weapons and using an over-the-shoulder perspective throughout. The gunplay is well done as all the weapons are well designed and have their own unique strengths and weaknesses. However, that isn't to say the game is easy.

Your guns may pack a punch, but the Necromorphs you'll face are more than prepared to take it. The key to combat is to dismember your enemies, requiring precise aiming to deal with foes effectively. Otherwise you'll waste scarce ammo just unloading into foes and not doing much damage. The tension between eliminating enemies quickly and aiming precisely makes combat intense and the action in *Dead Space* very enjoyable.

But this isn't just an action game. The game is expertly designed to get into your head. Enemies sneak up behind you and burst out of nowhere, the sound will have you on edge constantly, and the atmosphere is oppressive and terrifying, making for a genuinely scary experience. Even when you think you've figured out the game's tricks, it'll still find new ways to scare you. This is a genuinely terrifying game.



*Dead Space* is not perfect, however. Issues include a reliance on backtracking, environments that get repetitive as the game goes on and disappointingly easy boss fights, but in the big scheme of things those are rather minor issues. The only major issue is value.

*Dead Space* is an amazing game but it can be beat easily in less than 10 hours and has limited replay value. That's not much for a \$60 game. But if that doesn't deter you, then pick this game up. This is the best survival-horror game of 2008.

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## Prof to Debut First Novel

*Watkins to Hold Reading in Combs*

By **LAUREN ORSINI**  
Staff Writer

In a first day of school nightmare worse than you can imagine, twelve-year-old Dewey Turner has to go to school with shoe polish stain covering his face.

This is just one of the scenes from *Down Sand Mountain*, a new book by Associate Professor of English Steve Watkins. The novel, published by Candlewick Press, came out Oct 14 and has already been short listed for the Newberry Prize, an award given to top works in young adult fiction.

"It's received glowing reviews and has been called not just a young adult novel, but a multi-generational novel. It's both historical fiction and a book that speaks to

contemporary readers who like a good story," Watkins said.



image courtesy of umw.edu

When writing his new book, Watkins combined fiction with events from his childhood in Florida.

"I wrote about things that shaped my life: civil rights, the Vietnam War, growing up in a warm and supportive small town that at the same time was racist and oppressive," Watkins said.

It was a weird dichotomy that stuck in my head. It's an unwritten, unexplored history of the South."

Watkins will read from his book today at 5 p.m. in Combs 139. A catered reception will follow in the Williams Street house. Copies of the book will be on sale for \$16.99.

## Top 5 Horror Films

By **ELIOT HAGEN**  
Staff Writer

With Halloween weekend here, it's time to swallow your fear and watch a horror film. Rather than shelling out \$8 to see "Saw V" or "Quarantine," why not check out one from my list of the top 5 horror films.

### #5 - Ringu/The Ring (1998/2002)

If you are able to watch either of these without thinking about "Scary Movie 3" and let yourself get sucked in, both are incredibly scary experiences. With Asian horror in a completely different league than American horror, the Japanese version is a bit more frightening to those in the right frame of mind. I think it's the better film but, in a pinch, the American remake delivers a hefty helping of scares.

### #4 - The Omen (1976)

Made in a time when horror films weren't just gore-fests, an aging Gregory Peck and Lee Remick head the cast as the Thorns, a couple who believe that their son is the Devil. Along with Richard Donner's direction, you can't really go wrong with this one. But I'd advise steering clear of the sequel and the 2006 remake.



image courtesy of Warner Brothers

### #3 - The Exorcist (1973)

This one is a classic that everyone should see. Featuring a top-notch cast, this one hits particularly close to home for anyone who's ever lived by the Potomac. Still considered shocking today with spectacular effects and an incredibly disturbing performance by Linda Blair, "The Exorcist" is a must for any horror movie night.

### #2 - The Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1978)

Donald Sutherland, Jeff Goldblum, Leonard Nimoy and Broome Adams all star as a group of friends trying to survive an alien invasion in this remake of the classic 1956 film. Once again, stay away from the most recent remake, made in 2007 starring Nicole Kidman and Daniel Craig. It's nowhere near as scary and it fails at pulling off a political message.

### #1 - The Shining (1980)

Directed by Stanley Kubrick. Need I say more? One of the greatest cinematic geniuses in the history of the art form delivers the greatest horror film ever made. With Jack Nicholson in an outstanding performance as the caretaker of the ominous Overlook Hotel, this is definitely the best Stephen King film adaptation and fans of his writing and film in general should see "The Shining."



DINING SERVICES

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October 30:

#### PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST!

Ball Circle, 3 to 5 PM. Music, Prizes, Free Hot Cider and Candy Apples! Rain location: Seacobeck Dome Room

### October 31:

#### HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Nest. Prizes for Best Costumes!

#### RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR AMERICAN BISTRO (See below)

### November 4:

#### ELECTION DAY! PLEASE VOTE!

Red Hot Chef - Potato Pancakes in the South Market for dinner. 5 to 7 PM

### November 5:

AMERICAN BISTRO - Gourmet meal prepared by our Executive Chef and served at your table in the Faculty and Staff Dining Room. Menu includes grilled rib eye steaks! Wine available! Open to entire UMW community and guests! Additional charges apply.

Reservation forms, sign-up sheets, and details about these events are available from Seacobeck cashiers or at [WWW.UMWDINING.COM](http://WWW.UMWDINING.COM)



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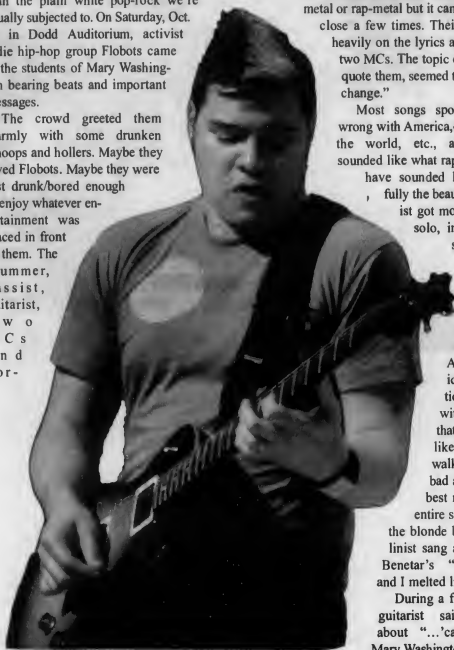
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ran out of new ways to say "Let's make a change" after the first couple songs, but regardless of how they said it, the message was valid.

Now is the perfect time to come to one's senses and realize that if everything sucks, it can be changed and we can all take part.

Time is on our side, we simply need the willpower to use it properly lest we become copies of those who came before us. I left that night with only one question floating in my head: what will Flobots do if Obama gets elected?



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## Junk Science Lineup Changes, but the Funk Remains Mary Washington's Favorite Sons Soldier on Despite Setbacks

By STEFANIE ROCHE  
Staff Writer

The National Chimney's Regional Park's camp grounds were slick from the recent rainfall, and the dirt was nothing short of a mud puddle. It was Saturday, Sept. 27 and the four members of Junk Science were drenched and their day was just beginning, but a day in the life of a college band does not always follow a steady beat.

Two and half hours west of UMW, Junk Science members Matt Bradshaw, Benjamin Marks, Ephraim Firdyiwiek and Ed Dickerson stood side by side at Spaghetti Fest in Mount Solon, Va. and looked for the positive part of their upcoming show.

Spaghetti Fest, the annual charitable event, is a three-day music festival in the Shenandoah Valley, this year consisting of three different stages and over 40 bands from all music genres.

Meanwhile, the Obama Rally for Change on Mary Washington's campus drew record crowds and drastically diminished the number of potential audience members.

"We were pretty excited to play for a large audience," Firdyiwiek, UMW senior and the band's guitar bass player said. "But upon our arrival we discovered that we had the smallest stage at the entire festival -- the acoustic stage."

Junk Science was to perform at the same time as a popular acoustic blue grass band which was given the slot on the coveted main stage.

"And as if it could not get any worse, the rain never let up," said Firdyiwiek. "We left immediately after the performance, soaked and irritated, and we never even got paid."

Since graduation Marks, Junk Science's drummer, and Bradshaw, lead vocalist, harmonica and trumpet player from UMW in May 2008, the band has gone from five to four, with former band member Jeremy Cooper's marriage to his college sweetheart. But despite the loss of their saxophone player and the occasional frustrating gig, the band

is taking it all one set list at a time.

"Playing without Jeremy has been a challenge for us," Marks said. "He decided it would be best to focus his efforts on his job and beginning his marriage and we all supported him in that decision."

With one member married, Junk Science threw around the idea of booking a cross-country tour. The guys planned to spend the summer booking for the upcoming year and practicing their songs non-stop. But as summer rolled around, it became clear the tour was not to become a reality as even college bands are not invincible to the falling economy.

"There were a variety of reasons," said Bradshaw, infamous for his signature top hat worn at every gig. "But it mostly came down to how much it would cost."

"Gas is killer for bands these days," added Marks. "I was fairly disappointed that things didn't kick into gear, but I know that for something like that everyone's hearts need to be in it 100 percent to allow it to be successful."

Band life and friendship among Bradshaw, Dickerson, Firdyiwiek and Marks have remained unchanged through the ups and downs; in fact they spend more time together outside band practice than before. The only obstacle is not all the members call Fredericksburg home anymore, making scheduling practices more challenging.

They gave up their practice space in downtown Fredericksburg, and use whatever space is available to them; including Dickerson's friend's house and The 3rd Floor, a venue hall in Fredericksburg, and Marks' former summer residence in Richmond.

Deciding against a tour does not mean the band is playing any less. Throughout the summer and currently, they play a number of local shows in the Fredericksburg and Richmond areas, and plan to continue. On average they book four to five shows a month and continue to make appearance regularly on campus, including a last minute request at this year's Homecoming bonfire event when the fire aspect was cancelled.

"That was crazy," Marks said as a smile broke



image courtesy of Matt Bradshaw

out across his face. "We literally found out about Thursday's show on Wednesday night."

Last minute calls are all part of the routine for college bands like Junk Science, and it is obvious the guys live to play their music and entertain a crowd, regardless of the size.

Thursday, Sept. 18 drew one of the smallest crowds when the band performed for UMW's Young Democrats voter registration event. The lingering summer air and the laid back atmosphere provided the perfect show. Students dotted the benches in front of Lee Hall, campus walk and the area on Ball Circle. As the last warm rays of the summer began to set, Junk Science's energy never wavered.

Senior Moire Garahan enjoyed the break before heading to her night class. "It was so relaxing. You looked around and everyone listening was either singing along or tapping their foot."

With over 20 original songs, Junk Science has what they feel to be the best set lists to date, and enables them to adapt their funky fusion rock music to their audience.

Senior Chrissie Woolsey, entertainment coordinator for GIANT Productions at UMW, said it is not any harder to contact the band now that Marks and Bradshaw have graduated.

"The band is still in the area and they're willing to play shows if they're available on the date you want," Woolsey said. "Giant has booked them for multiple shows since they formed the band and we hope to book them for more shows in the future. They always put on a fantastic, high-energy show."

Fan loyalty remains steadfast as well. A MySpace account boasting 406 friends and four sample songs and a Facebook group with 192 members keep fans in the loop with upcoming gigs.

Junk Science will soon face yet another setback when Marks relocates to Montana in January after taking a year-long job with AmeriCorps, an organization that aids poor families or victims of natural disasters.

"I can't answer what will happen after I relocate," Marks said. "Something tells me we'll be back together in a year."

Despite an unclear future, Junk Science their annual Halloween show at The Loft tonight. The concert is open to anyone 18 and older, and Junk Science will play with Tereu Tereu, for what they promise will be one of the craziest nights of the year -- just so long as zombies don't scare you.



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# Features

## Eco Club Paints for Green UMW

By **BRITTANY De VRIES**  
Features Editor

After three years of working to conserve energy, junior Lauren Birney said "it wasn't as much of a downer as I thought it might be."

She is referring to her work with the campus Ecology Club.

"It is such a huge challenge that some people can feel powerless sometimes," Birney admitted. "I realized that I never felt that way."

Birney stood out on the campus

lawn Oct. 22, a little blue paint on jeans.

Trash bins turned blue at Ball Circle that day, where the Ecology Club held its promotion for National Campus Sustainability Day.

After weeks of discussion over how to make recycling on campus walk more accessible, without buying expensive containers and creating more work for the staff, the Ecology Club decided to take every third trash can and make it recycle-friendly.

The bins were sanded, then painted blue. A wooden cover, built by the woodworking class, was placed as a lid on the final product.

Ecology Club chairman and Senior Hilary Lufkin was impressed by the interest she received from people walking by.

"We are starting a dialogue on campus between students, faculty, staff, and residents," Lufkin said. "We're celebrating our energy conservation efforts."

Members of the Ecology Club had a table outside of the nest from 11 a.m. —



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Sophomore Desiree De Haven (left) encourages senior Steve Bailey to sign the Power Vote campaign pledge. The campaign asks students to make energy conservation a top priority in the 2008 election.



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1 p.m. handing out information on energy sustainability, and also on the Power Vote campaign, a nationwide petition that has had over 1 million student signatures pledging to make energy and global warming a priority as they head to the polls Nov. 4.

Along with painting and fixing up the trash bins, several windmills also lined the brick walk and campus green.

Tom Owens, Chesapeake Climate Action Network of Virginia (CCAN) campus coordinator, said the windmills have been displayed all over the country, including attendance at several presidential debates, to promote CCAN's Power Vote campaign.

"The windmills have traveled all across the country, including at several presidential debates," Owens said.

During the Va. Powershift conference held at Virginia Tech the previous weekend, Lufkin asked Owens to bring the windmills to the UMW campus for Sustainability Day.

Owens said that 12 campuses in Virginia are currently running Power Vote. "Students realize it's on them to create the change and influence our politics."

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## Third Party Choices at the Polls

By **MARY TURNER**  
Staff Writer

Other than McCain or Obama, there are four other candidates to choose from in this year's presidential election.

Samantha Lee, a former Colbert/Stewart '08 supporter said, "I didn't even know there were other candidates, but I wish I did, so I didn't feel like my only options were Obama and McCain."

Lee is not the only student unaware

of her alternative choices this year. When asked, several students say they were unaware that third party candidates even existed.

For over a year now, Americans have watched the Democratic and Republican candidates debate and campaign.

However, some say they still feel like they must choose between a rock and hard place.

The Independent, Libertarian, Green, and Independent Green parties

are all putting up candidates for voters' consideration. None of these candidates participated in the official Presidential debates though, and many voters still have no idea who they are.

Third party candidates have not had the mass media exposure that both Obama and McCain have this year, but they will nevertheless be on the ballot and voters deserve to know who they are and what they stand for.

### First Person

One of the most familiar third party candidates is Independent Party nominee Ralph Nader. It is contested that the main premise of the Independent Party is that the people of America deserve a third party to debate and challenge the Democrats and Republicans during elections.

Loralynn Krobetzky, communications director of the Nader headquarters in Washington D.C., explained how the current criteria set forth by the Com-

mission on Presidential Debates (CPD) has hindered third party candidates from joining the debate.

The regulations imposed by the CPD state that certain criteria must be met in order for a presidential hopeful to participate.

A hindrance for independent candidates is that they must have at least an average of 15 percent of the public's support according to a series of five pre-designated election polls.

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Brittany DeVries/the Bulletin

Mason Hall's basement kitchen's "knocking sounds" are presumably made by ghosts.

## Ghosts Slam Mason

By **LONDON JAMES**  
Staff Writer

Last year, Chase Morgan, a freshman living in room 205 in Mason Hall, awoke early one morning to the sounds of kitchen cabinets and drawers being slammed shut in the kitchen.

Morgan's room was next to the kitchen, so he paid little attention to the noises, but got up anyway to tell the people he was quiet.

When Morgan arrived in the kitchen, not a soul or resident was in sight and no one had been there.

"It did not freak me out at first, but as it went on I began to become suspicious," Morgan said.

As time went on, Morgan repeatedly encountered the ghostly chefs and Morgan became accustomed to the noises.

"The kitchen was highly active at night, not per say with cooking, but more with strange activity," Morgan said.

During the colder months of the year, the heater in Morgan's room would also act up in strange and unexplainable ways. Morgan reported hearing knocking sounds coming from the other side of the heater and said the sounds were completely different than the clicking noises the heaters normally make when turning on.

Morgan, an RA in Russell Hall, says he believes in ghosts and knows there is one in Mason Hall.

Morgan is not the only student who lived in Mason with a story to tell. Interviews with other students on campus, many from Mason, tell of supernatural

experiences ranging from weird smells filling the rooms to rustling in closets with the most extreme involving objects being moved behind locked doors. However, the stories continue.

Alyssa Dandrea, a sophomore in Randolph Hall, lived in room 227 in Mason her freshman year, and believes there may be multiple ghosts haunting the halls.

Dandrea recalled one night, her freshman year, she and her roommate were sitting in their room when the intense smell of cigarette smoke filled the entire room. Dandrea reported the intense smell vanished after five minutes. Dandrea and her suitmates did not smoke and there were no smokers outside of the building at the time.

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## Fred Frights

By **KAITLIN MAYHEW**  
Assistant Features Editor

### Cancer Benefit/Halloween Party/Metal Show

This is a metal show featuring music from Saint Diablo, Envy Insane, Inkohrent and others, and also a Halloween party with a costume contest, and a charity event all the proceeds go to a good cause.

Time: 8:45 p.m.  
Cost: \$12  
Location: 1917 Princess Anne St.  
More info: [www.centralstationva.com](http://www.centralstationva.com)

### Third Stream Giants Halloween Show

Scary Halloween music and a costume contest. Anyone with a college I.D. gets in for free.

Time: 10 p.m.  
Cost: Free (with college ID)  
Location: The Loft 1005 Princess Anne St.  
More info: [www.3giants.com](http://www.3giants.com)

### Haunted Museum Lock-in

A Haunted Heights Ghost Walk followed by a night in the haunted Weems-Botts Museum.

Time: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. overnight.  
Every Oct. Friday and Saturday  
Cost: \$5  
Location: 3944 Cameron St. in Dumfries  
More info: <http://www.historicdumfries.com>

haunted forest where fairy tales turn into nightmares. Or check out the Halloween Village with food, games, and more.

Time: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$5 per person  
Location: Caledon Natural Area  
11617 Caledon Rd. King George  
More info: [www.caledonnaturalareafriends.com](http://www.caledonnaturalareafriends.com)

### Halloween Costume Party

Costume party, Downtown Parade, food, and a book reading and signing by Rebecca Wolf Jump.

Time: 6-8 p.m.  
Cost: Free  
Location: 723 Caroline St. The Griffin Bookshop and Coffeebar

### Haunted Tours

Take a tour of the haunting around Downtown Fredericksburg.

Time: 6 to 10 p.m.  
Cost: \$6  
Location: Market Square

### Extreme Scream

Experience the nightmare as you walk through our maze of terror. From Fredericksburg take Rt. 218 east to Fairview Dr. and follow signs. Time: 6 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Cost: \$7  
Location: Fairview Beach

### Pride's Halloween Drag Dinner

All the servers will be dressed in drag, and if you wear a costume you get 10 percent off.

Time: 6 to 9 p.m.  
Location: Café New Orleans, 216 Williams St.

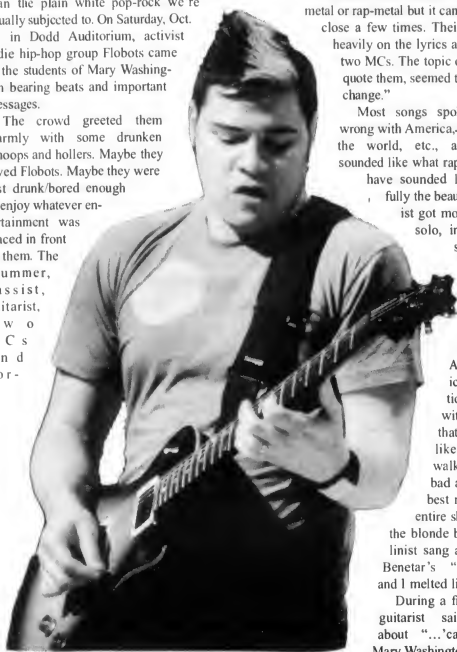
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Kind of like if your father did hip-hop about how irresponsible you are.

It sounds terrible, and lyrically, yes, they

ran out of new ways to say "Let's make a change" after the first couple songs, but regardless of how they said it, the message was valid.

Now is the perfect time to come to one's senses and realize that if everything sucks, it can be changed and we can all take part.

Time is on our side, we simply need the willpower to use it properly lest we become copies of those who came before us. I left that night with only one question floating in my head: what will Flobots do if Obama gets elected?

## Science Lineup Changes, but the Funk Remains Mary Washington's Favorite Sons Soldier on Despite Setbacks

By STEFANIE ROCHE  
Staff Writer

The National Chimney's Regional Park's camp grounds were slick from the recent rain fall, and the dirt was nothing short of a mud puddle. It was Saturday, Sept. 27 and the four members of Junk Science were drenched and their day was just beginning, but a day in the life of a college band does not always follow a steady beat.

Two and half hours west of UMW, Junk Science members Matt Bradshaw, Benjamin Marks, Ephraim Firdiyewek and Ed Dickerson stood side by side at Spaghetti Fest in Mount Solon, Va. and looked for the positive part of their upcoming show.

Spaghetti Fest, the annual charitable event, is a three-day music festival in the Shenandoah Valley, this year consisting of three different stages and over 40 bands from all music genres.

Meanwhile, the Obama Rally for Change on Mary Washington's campus drew record crowds and drastically diminished the number of potential audience members.

"We were pretty excited to play for a large audience," Firdiyewek, UMW senior and the band's guitar bass player said. "But upon our arrival we discovered that we had the smallest stage at the entire festival -- the acoustic stage."

Junk Science was to perform at the same time as a popular acoustic blue grass band which was given the slot on the coveted main stage.

"And as if it could not get any worse, the rain never let up," said Firdiyewek. "We left immediately after the performance, soaked and irritated, and we never even got paid."

Since graduation Marks, Junk Science's drummer, and Bradshaw, lead vocalist, harmonica and trumpet player from UMW in May 2008, the band has gone from five to four, with former band member Jeremy Cooper's marriage to his college sweetheart. But despite the loss of their saxophone player and the occasional frustrating gig, the band

is taking it all one set list at a time.

"Playing without Jeremy has been a challenge for us," Marks said. "He decided it would be best to focus his efforts on his job and beginning his marriage and we all supported him in that decision."

With one member married, Junk Science threw around the idea of booking a cross-country tour. The guys planned to spend the summer booking for the upcoming year and practicing their songs non-stop. But as summer rolled around, it became clear the tour was not to become a reality as even college bands are not invincible to the falling economy.

"There were a variety of reasons," said Bradshaw, infamous for his signature top hat worn at every gig. "But it mostly came down to how much it would cost."

"Gas is killer for bands these days," added

Marks. "I was fairly disappointed that things didn't kick into gear, but I know that for something like that everyone's hearts need to be in it 100 percent to allow it to be successful."

Band life and friendship among Bradshaw, Dickerson, Firdiyewek and Marks have remained unchanged through the ups and downs; in fact they spend more time together outside band practice than before. The only obstacle is not all the members call Fredericksburg home anymore, making scheduling practices more challenging.

They gave up their practice space in downtown Fredericksburg, and use whatever space is available to them; including Dickerson's friend's house and The 3rd Floor, a venue hall in Fredericksburg, and Marks' former summer residence in Richmond.

Deciding against a tour does not mean the band is playing any less. Throughout the summer and currently, they play a number of local shows in the Fredericksburg and Richmond areas, and plan to continue. On average they book four to five shows a month and continue to make appearance regularly on campus, including a last minute request at this year's Homecoming bonfire event when the fire aspect was cancelled.

"That was crazy," Marks said as a smile broke



image courtesy of Matt Bradshaw

out across his face. "We literally found out about Thursday's show on Wednesday night."

Last minute calls are all part of the routine for college bands like Junk Science, and it is obvious the guys live to play their music and entertain a crowd, regardless of the size.

Thursday, Sept. 18 drew one of the smallest crowds when the band performed for UMW's Young Democrats voter registration event. The lingering summer air and the laid back atmosphere provided the perfect show. Students dotted the benches in front of Lee Hall, campus walk and the area on Ball Circle. As the last warm rays of the summer began to set, Junk Science's energy never wavered.

Senior Moire Garahan enjoyed the break before heading to her night class. "It was so relaxing. You looked around and everyone listening was either singing along or tapping their foot."

With over 20 original songs, Junk Science has what they feel to be the best set lists to date, and enables them to adapt their funky fusion rock music to their audience.

Senior Chrissie Woolsey, entertainment coordinator for GIANT Productions at UMW, said it is not any harder to contact the band now that Marks and Bradshaw have graduated.

"The band is still in the area and they're willing to play shows if they're available on the date you want," Woolsey said. "Giant has booked them for multiple shows since they formed the band and we hope to book them for more shows in the future. They always put on a fantastic, high-energy show."

Fan loyalty remains steadfast as well. A MySpace account boasting 406 friends and four sample songs and a Facebook group with 192 members keep fans in the loop with upcoming gigs.

Junk Science will soon face yet another setback when Marks relocates to Montana in January after taking a year-long job with Americorps, an organization that aids poor families or victims of natural disasters.

"I can't answer what will happen after I relocate," Marks said. "Something tells me we'll be back together in a year."

Despite an unclear future, Junk Science their annual Halloween show at The Loft tonight. The concert is open to anyone 18 and older, and Junk Science will play with Tereu Tereu, for what they promise will be one of the craziest nights of the year -- just so long as zombies don't scare you.

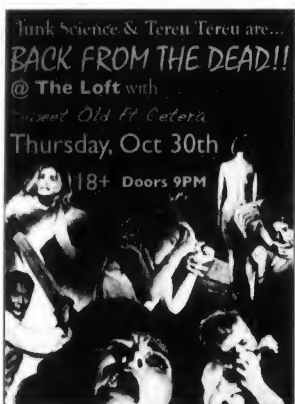


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# Faturday



## Eco Club Paints for Green UMW

By **BRITTANY De VRIES**  
Features Editor

After three years of working to conserve energy, junior Lauren Birney said "it wasn't as much of a downer as I thought it might be."

She is referring to her work with the campus Ecology Club.

"It is such a huge challenge that some people can feel powerless sometimes," Birney admitted. "I realized that I never felt that way."

Birney stood out on the campus

lawn Oct. 22, a little blue paint on jeans.

Trash bins turned blue at Ball Circle that day, where the Ecology Club held its promotion for National Campus Sustainability Day.

After weeks of discussion over how to make recycling on campus walk more accessible, without buying expensive containers and creating more work for the staff, the Ecology Club decided to take every third trash can and make it recycle-friendly.

The bins were sanded, then painted blue. A wooden cover, built by the woodworking class, was placed as a lid on the final product.

Ecology Club chairman and Senior Hilary Lufkin was impressed by the interest she received from people walking by.

"We are starting a dialogue on campus between students, faculty, staff, and residents," Lufkin said. "We're celebrating our energy conservation efforts."

Members of the Ecology Club had a table outside of the nest from 11 a.m.



Emily McAlpine/The Bulletin

Sophomore Desiree De Haven (left) encourages senior Steve Bailey to sign the Power Vote campaign pledge. The campaign asks students to make energy conservation a top priority in the 2008 election.



Emily McAlpine/The Bulletin

1 p.m. handing out information on energy sustainability, and also on the Power Vote campaign, a nationwide petition that has had over 1 million student signatures pledging to make energy and global warming a priority as they head to the polls Nov. 4.

Along with painting and fixing up the trash bins, several windmills also lined the brick walk and campus green.

Tom Owens, Chesapeake Climate Action Network of Virginia (CCAN) campus coordinator, said the windmills have been displayed all over the country, including attendance at several presidential debates, to promote CCAN's Power Vote campaign.

"The windmills have traveled all across the country, including at several presidential debates," Owens said.

During the Va. Powershift conference held at Virginia Tech the previous weekend, Lufkin asked Owens to bring the windmills to the UMW campus for Sustainability Day.

Owens said that 12 campuses in Virginia are currently running Power Vote.

"Students realize it's on them to create the change and influence our political

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## Third Party Choices at the Polls

By **MARY TURNER**  
Staff Writer

Other than McCain or Obama, there are four other candidates to choose from in this year's presidential election.

Samantha Lee, a former Colbert Stewart '08 supporter said, "I didn't even know there were other candidates, but I wish I did, so I didn't feel like my only options were Obama and McCain."

Lee is not the only student unaware

of her alternative choices this year. When asked, several students say they were unaware that third party candidates even existed.

For over a year now, Americans have watched the Democratic and Republican candidates debate and campaign.

However, some say they still feel like they must choose between a rock and hard place.

The Independent, Libertarian, Green, and Independent Green parties

are all putting up candidates for voters' consideration. None of these candidates participated in the official Presidential debates though, and many voters still have no idea who they are.

Third party candidates have not had the mass media exposure that both Obama and McCain have this year, but they will nevertheless be on the ballot and voters deserve to know who they are and what they stand for.

### First Person

One of the most familiar third party candidates is Independent Party nominee Ralph Nader. It is contested that the main premise of the Independent Party is that the people of America deserve a third party to debate and challenge the Democrats and Republicans during elections.

Loralynn Krobetzky, communications director of the Nader headquarters in Washington D.C., explained how the current criteria set forth by the Com-

mission on Presidential Debates (CPD) has hindered third party candidates from joining the debate.

The regulations imposed by the CPD state that certain criteria must be met in order for a presidential hopeful to participate.

A hindrance for independent candidates is that they must have at least an average of 15 percent of the public's support according to a series of five pre-designated election polls.

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Brittany DeVries/The Bulletin

Mason Hall's basement kitchen's "knocking sounds" are presumably made by ghosts.

## Ghosts Slam Mason

By **LONDON JAMES**  
Staff Writer

Last year, Chase Morgan, a freshman living in room 205 in Mason Hall, awoke early one morning to the sounds of kitchen cabinets and drawers being slammed shut in the kitchen.

Morgan's room was next to the kitchen, so he paid little attention to the noises, but got up anyway to tell the people he was quiet.

When Morgan arrived in the kitchen, not a soul or resident was in sight and no one had been there.

"It did not freak me out at first, but as it went on I began to become suspicious," Morgan said.

As time went on, Morgan repeatedly encountered the ghostly chefs and Morgan became accustomed to the noises.

"The kitchen was highly active at night, not per say with cooking, but more with strange activity," Morgan said.

During the colder months of the year, the heater in Morgan's room would also act up in strange and unexplainable ways. Morgan reported hearing knocking sounds coming from the other side of the heater and said the sounds were completely different than the clicking noises the heaters normally make when turning on.

Morgan, an RA in Russell Hall, says he believes in ghosts and knows there is one in Mason Hall.

Morgan is not the only student who lived in Mason with a story to tell. Interviews with other students on campus, many from Mason, tell of supernatural

experiences ranging from weird smells filling the rooms to rustling in closets with the most extreme involving objects being moved behind locked doors. However, the stories continue.

Alyssa Dandrea, a sophomore in Randolph Hall, lived in room 227 in Mason her freshman year, and believes there may be multiple ghosts haunting the halls.

Dandrea recalled one night, her freshman year, she and her roommate were sitting in their room when the intense smell of cigarette smoke filled the entire room. Dandrea reported the intense smell vanished after five minutes. Dandrea and her suitmates did not smoke and there were no smokers outside of the building at the time.

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## Fred Frights

By **KAITLIN MAYHEW**  
Assistant Features Editor

### Cancer Benefit/Halloween Party/Metal Show

This is a metal show featuring music from Saint Diablo, Envy Insane, Inkoherent and others, and also a Halloween party with a costume contest, and a charity event all the proceeds go to a good cause.

Time: 8:45 p.m.

Cost: \$12

Location: 1917 Princess Anne St.

More info:

[www.centralstationva.com](http://www.centralstationva.com)

### Third Stream Giants Halloween Show

Scary Halloween music and a costume contest. Anyone with a college I.D. gets in for free.

Time: 10 p.m.

Cost: Free (with college ID)

Location: The Loft 1005 Princess Anne St.

More info: [www.3giants.com](http://www.3giants.com)

### Haunted Museum Lock-in

A Haunted Heights Ghost Walk followed by a night in the haunted Weems-Botts Museum.

Time: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. overnight.

Every Oct. Friday and Saturday

Cost: \$5

Location: 3944 Cameron St. in Dumfries

More info: <http://www.historicdumfries.com>

### Caledon Natural Area Haunted Trail and Halloween Village

For those up for a scare, take the trail through a

haunted forest where fairy tales turn into nightmares. Or check out the Halloween Village with food, games, and more.

Time: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person

Location: Caledon Natural Area

11617 Caledon Rd. King George

More info: [www.caledonnaturalareafriends.com](http://www.caledonnaturalareafriends.com)

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# Alum Talks on Psych of Sex

By KAITLIN MAYHEW  
Assistant Features Editor

In a recent study including men from the age of 18 to 29, 69 percent know an adult who has had sex with a minor, and 51 percent of them know five or more.

These statistics, found in a study done by MWC alumnus Bob Franklin for the Virginia Department of Health, show that statutory rape is still rampant in the world today.

A 1992 graduate and former psychology major, Franklin made a speech last week entitled "Isn't She a Little Young?" at UMW to present his research on various topics such as social marketing, statutory rape, and the psychology of men.

"It's not a poster, it's not a stand-alone solution, it's part of a program," Franklin said.

Social marketing or influencing human behavior on a large scale is the basis for the Virginia Department of Health's "Isn't She a Little Young?" ad campaign and research

with which Franklin is involved.

The main focus of this influence is men, however, not the actual perpetrators of violence against children, but the bystanders who witness the violence but don't say or do anything about it.

"We need a movement to help men understand they aren't different," Christopher Kilmartin, professor of psychology, said.

By targeting this audience instead of the actual offenders or victims, Franklin believes the campaign will be more successful. The difficult part, he says, is to help men overcome their own stereotypes and the challenge to their status and masculinity that comes into question when they ridicule a friend.

"There's a term for that," Franklin said. "It's called cock-blocking."

According to Franklin, most people fail to realize how much these non-violent adults can affect statutory rape.

"They don't think that bystanders

have anything to do with violence," Kilmartin said.

The Virginia Department of Health released a controversial ad featuring a young boy in a baseball uniform that Franklin showed in his presentation. The aim of the ad was to gain awareness that children start to learn behaviors at a very young age. However, it was misconstrued as offensive by many onlookers according to Franklin.

"He made me realize how hard it would be to treat such issues with sensitivity and still get the point across," sophomore Rachel Owen said.

This is a frequent occurrence with ad campaigns that Franklin and his co-workers have tried to release.

"I'm trying to sell something that maybe the public doesn't want," Franklin said.

The Virginia Health Department's sexual violence website [www.varapelaws.org](http://www.varapelaws.org), developed in part by Franklin.

The website, along with the mes-

sage gained an immediate following, with 3,000 hits in the first day it was launched. The company also received calls from and appeared on many major television companies.

"This is an issue on a lot of people's minds," Kilmartin said.

The website deals with a variety of topics, from what to do if you know of violence taking place on the campus, to the specifics on the rape laws in Virginia.

"In our survey most men overestimated the severity of the laws," Franklin said.

Today in Virginia if a 35 year old has sex with a sixteen year old that he met online, or if he is her caregiver, it is a felony.

"But if he meets her at the mall it's a class one misdemeanor," he said.

The over 50 audience members who gathered in Trinkle Hall to ranged from members from the community, professors, and students.



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By BRITTANY De VRIES  
Features Editor

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to find your voting location.

## Ghouls Haunt UMW Kitchen

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Dandrea feels she has an inside connection to the spirit world through a friend in Fredericksburg. Her friend, who was unable to be reached, lives in a haunted house and frequently contacts her ghost through a Ouija board.

DJ, the name of the ghost, allegedly lived during the 1920s and was a heavy smoker. Dandrea asked DJ numerous times to visit her at school and she believes that the source of the cigarette smell was DJ paying a friendly visit.

DJ also told Dandrea and her friend that there are multiple ghosts in Mason and throughout the UMW campus.

This did not scare Dandrea; in fact, she was rather content to live with her very own Casper.

"I was not scared, just a little freaked out initially. Eventually I just thought it was cool. I don't think the ghosts in Mason are scary, they are just trying to hang out and get by," Dandrea said.

However, some are more than a little freaked out by their encounters.

An RA on the third floor of Mason,

who also wished to remain anonymous, believes themselves to be on a floor prone to haunted activity.

"I never used to believe in ghosts, but I do not want to say I do not believe they be proven wrong," the RA said.

On one occasion, the RA left her room, locked the door, and returned after a short time.

When she returned

and opened her door, her mini refrigerator door had been opened and a box of tacks had been thrown all over the room. At the time, there were only RAs in the building for training and the third floor RA room does not suite with any other rooms.

"I felt that I just was not alone. I got the feeling something was there, that something was watching me," she said.

The RA said she heard scuffling and

scratching come from inside her closets before and that she often receives reports from her residents that their rooms are haunted.

Ryan Montgomery, resident of Mason room 302, cannot explain some of the things that happen in his room.

"I will be sitting on my bed with my computer and the door will open and close with no one there," Montgomery said.

A former Mason RA, who still works in Residence Life but wished to remain anonymous due to liability reasons, does not believe in ghosts but believes unexplainable things happen nonetheless. Lowery says loud banging and creaking noises often come from

inside closets on the third floor of the building.

"It has been something that has been talked about since I was an RA in Mason two years ago and I heard it from people who lived in Mason my freshman year," he said.

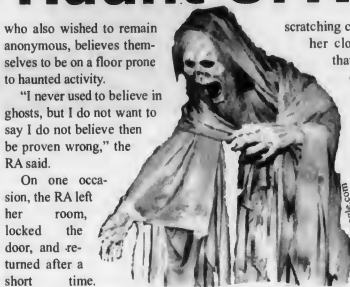
The former RA lived in Jefferson Hall his freshman year and said there were no ghosts there.

The popular myth among Masonettes is that a girl hung herself in a closet on the third floor of Mason, though.

Residence Life and college officials deny ever knowing of such an occurrence happening in the building.

Professor William Crawley, professor of history and american studies, is currently working on a book compiling the history of the University of Mary Washington.

"In all my research, I never found anything credible with regard to 'ghost stories,'" Crawley said. "There was one rumor about a suicide of a girl in Ball, but there is no evidence of it, so far as I know."



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## 3rd Party Vote

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Krobotzky commented on how this influences third party candidates.

"The current regulations mandated by the CPD are set up to make it nearly impossible for third party candidates to participate," Krobotzky said.

The last time a third party candidate was allowed into one of the debates was in 1992, when Independent Party candidate Ross Perot joined the then current President, George Bush, and Gov. Bill Clinton.

At the time of the 1992 campaign, candidates only needed to receive 5 percent of the public's support according to CPD polling. By 1996 however, the number had been raised to 15 percent, which consequently excluded Ross Perot from debating a second time.

According to the CPD, the purpose of the criteria is "to identify those candidates who have achieved a level of electoral support such that they realistically are considered to be among the principal rivals for the Presidency."

One official from College Republicans campaigning at the Nest on Friday said that "third party candidates are not a viable option for voters," before declining to speak further for publication.

Ben Miller, vice-chair of College

Republicans, was then delegated to speak on behalf of the club.

Miller said that he thought current regulations on the debates were "just fine."

"If you can't create enough momentum on your own to get yourself into the debates, then you shouldn't be allowed to participate," Miller said.

Supporters of third party candidates argue that not allowing their candidates to participate in the presidential debates is a disservice to the American voters, and a clear sign that the CPD is bi-partisan.

From 1976 to 1987, the debates were sponsored by a non-partisan organization called the League of Women Voters. However, in 1988, the LWV pulled out of sponsoring the debates due to overwhelming pressure from the Democratic and Republican Party.

Nader's camp currently encourages supporters to help "Open the Debates," which asks voters to contact officials to demand that third party candidates be included in national coverage.

"We would love for our candidate to win the election, but our party campaigns to change the election. We want to shift the debates, and give the power back to the people," Krobotzky said.



Emily McAlpine/the Bulletin

The Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) has displayed windmills across the country.

## Club Prioritizes Energy

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"It would be the hub of campus sustainability," she said.

Wilson said that the team made a verbal proposal to Vice President for Administration and Finance Richard Hurley about five weeks ago, and a written proposal three weeks later.

"Administration knows it is the thing to do, but we just have to figure out

what to do to make it work," Wilson said.

Lufkin said that getting students to help create the bins makes a big difference in the long-term success with energy conservation, because they feel more involved with the development.

"Students feel more investment to use the bins and recycle when they help make them," she said.



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# News

## Library Moves Towards More Online Resources

By BECKY LITTLE  
Staff Writer

When you use an internet database to search for a topic, how long does it take you? Seconds, perhaps?

Simpson Reference and Humanities Librarian Jack Bales remembers when research could take between eight and ten hours.

"You had to go to the yearly index and look up your topic, then get an item number, then go to that particular item number and see if the item was relevant," Bales said.

In addition, there were separate index volumes for topics such as American History and Non-U.S. History, meaning that one might have had to search through many indexes in order to find relevant information.

A world without multiple keyword searches may seem foreign to students at UMW, but that just goes to show how internet resources at Simpson Library have revolutionized our ability to research.

"UMW students, like university students nationwide, prefer to do the

majority of their research online for papers and other classroom assignments," said Collection Development Librarian Renee Davis.

"Librarians love the convenience of accessing information online, at any time and any place, as much as students do."

But in order to provide students with the online resources, sacrifices must be made in terms of print materials.

"Each year more and more of our library budget is diverted from books to electronic resources such as databases and online collections of scholarly journals," said Davis.

According to Davis, Simpson Library bought 5681 books during the 2005-06 year, 5160 books during the 2006-07 year, and 4641 books during the 2007-08 year.

Although some of this downward trend in print book purchases can be attributed to increases in book prices, it is still indicative of the effect that the demand for internet resources has had and is having on the library.

In addition to internet databases and journals, Simpson also buys online versions of books, said Davis. This is partly done to give students better access to materials.

However, another incentive to buy

cents per book. These cost-efficient collections are put together by all of the libraries in the Southeastern Library Network, of which Simpson is a member.

Because of this, Simpson does not get to choose all of the books that are included in the collection and books that are not in demand are purchased. Of the 60,000 online books, only 23 percent have been accessed at least once by students and only 3 percent have been accessed at least five times.

Even with the increase in online resources, students have checked out about 50,000 books annually for the past four years, said Head of Circulation Beth Perkins. In fact, the number of people who go to the library increased from about 158,000 in the 2006-07 year to almost 171,000 in the 2007-08 year.

Reference & Social Sciences Li-

brarian Charlotte Jones said that many of these students visit the library in order to find the best sources from among the many resources that are available to them with the help of a research librarian. Jones said that she recommends sources to students regardless of whether they are to be found online or in print. Rather, Jones directs students to the sources that will be best for their topic, as opposed to mediocre sources that are found more easily.

Freshman Julia Moran and Senior Sylvia Sierra said that they have made use of both Simpson's books and online resources for their research papers. The databases especially, they said, are extremely helpful.

But because of procrastination or a lack of time, UMW students like AJ Allen sometimes find themselves relying solely on sources that are quickly found through a Google search. However, Allen said that she plans to make use of Simpson's print and online resources in the future for large papers.

"Because if I didn't," said Allen,

**“ Librarians love the convenience of accessing information online, at any time and any place, as much as students do.**

**—Librarian Renee Davis**

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## University Prepares for Decreases in Funding

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for cuts to next year's budget, only prospective planning.

### Current Solutions

The 7 percent reduction is permanent, like cuts in previous years. Any future cuts will only compound the existing deficit.

According to Pearce, most other public colleges and universities incurred 7 percent cuts as well. Pearce says that state revenue has been continually lower than anticipated due to the economic environment.

"Obviously there are going to be some spending plans that have to be reduced," Pearce said.

Hample said she will not order that any programs be cut entirely from the budget.

However, she said last week that the

administration has reduced the operating funds for inter-collegiate athletics by \$75,000, which may result in the loss of programs depending upon that department's management of their resources.

Director of Athletics Ed Hegmann said Tuesday that he has yet to hear from anyone in the administration that his department's budget was cut.

"That doesn't surprise me," Hegmann said, adding about Hample, "I've never met the woman."

Dean of Students Bernard Chirico, Hegmann's immediate supervisor, learned of the news Tuesday night. Decisions as to how this cut will be managed have begun as of Tuesday night's meeting between Chirico and Hegmann.

"Every entity across the University has taken some cut," Hample said. "The cuts that we've put in place will guar-

antee us the money to make up for the deficit."

When word broke that cuts were imminent, Hample ordered a freeze on all hiring except for vital positions.

According to Hurley, the University has saved approximately \$215,000 since September in money that would have gone to hire and pay unfilled positions.

"The position and equipment purchasing freeze has helped tremendously in allowing us to capture savings to keep this year's budget balanced," Hurley said.

Once they had exact figures to look at, the president and her cabinet met to decide what vacancies to fill or eliminate.

Hample said that all departments have been notified concerning vacancies.

"There is no one—and there should

be no one—on tenterhooks about 'Are we going to fill this position, or not?'" she said.

Hurley has not heard of any complaints from departments about hiring policy. "I think most departments understand the situation we are in," he said.

### Shape of the Budget

The Governor's office announced its 7 percent decision on Oct. 10. The decision does not apply to nearly \$1.5 million that consists of money for debt payments and student financial aid.

The \$1,656,014 reduction will be phased over time from the state's monthly allotments to the school until the end-of-year budget is \$22,001,322, as opposed to the \$23 million that was originally planned for at the beginning of the school year. The timetable for these reductions depends on the gover-

nor's office.

"Everyone knows it's coming, so we'll work on the assumption that that's coming," Pearce said.

According to Hample, funding for higher education has been in decline for years, but that Virginia has only experienced it more recently.

"It's not a really good time," Hample said.

According to Chapter 879 of the Virginia Appropriation Act, the Governor has the ability to cut up to 15 percent from each state institution within a budgetary year.

On December 17, Kaine will make his recommendations for next year's budget to the Virginia legislature. According to Pearce, his recommendations will greatly influence how much and where next year's cuts will be.

## Student Debt Increases

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through.

And it isn't just the students feeling the crunch. According to Mark Kanowitz, publisher of FinAid.org, a financial aid website, 36 education lenders have suspended their private student loans and more than 6,000 student loan related jobs have been laid off.

National Education and Wachovia, two lenders on Mary Washington's recommended lender list, have suspended their student loan programs since last January.

The UMW Financial Aid department informed students via e-mail several weeks ago that Edamerica, also on the school's recommended lender list, would not be disbursing loans to Mary Washington due to funding issues.

Loans were eventually dispersed to the college several days later along with a letter of apology from Edamerica Senior Vice President Judith Kerzner faulting "current liquidity shortages in the financial market" for the fall disbursement delays.

The government has taken recent action to ease the grow-

ing burden on student borrowers.

According to a July report by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, the Department of Education has prepared the Federal Direct Loan Program for a large influx of schools, like Mary Washington, that participate in the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program.

The Direct Loan program offers students and their parents less freedom in lender choices, but, unlike the FFEL program, it is backed by capital from the federal government.

"Switching to the Direct Loan program is always an option, but we are going to wait and see how the market recovers before we make any decisions," Desi said.

The UMW Financial Aid department has currently no back-up plan in place in the event that there are any disruptions in the availability of federal student loans.

However, Debra Harber, the school's associate dean of financial aid, points out that, even in the wake of the private lending collapse, the "Ensuring

Continued Access to Student Loans Act," passed into law May 7, increases the annual limit on federal Stafford loans by \$2000 a student.

"With private loans tightening up, students will need cosigners and rates will go through the roof. This \$2000 increase is really going to help a lot of students," Harber said.

However, for students in Reeder's position, the increase has not been enough, leading to more drastic measures.

Reeder, a credit sophomore, will be graduating a year early to help minimize increases to her accumulated debt, which is already \$26,000.

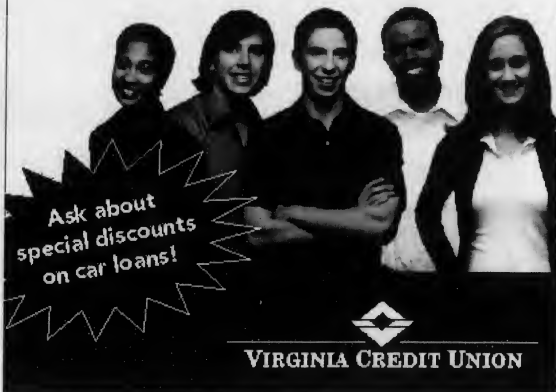
"I set a goal to be only \$40,000 in debt by graduation and I guess I'm still on track for that," Reeder joked before adding: "Sometimes I feel like the stress just really isn't worth the education."

Reeder's financial woes won't end with graduation either. She will be putting her dreams of joining the Peace Corps on hold for a year while working to pay back roughly \$6,000 in private loans.

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### The Candidates on Student Aid

by Kat Saunders



#### Mccain Proposals

- Permanently extend the 2001 (EGTRRA) and 2003 tax cuts
- Simplify federal financial aid by consolidating programs.
- Eliminate earmarks on federal bills for university research
- Fix student lending by expanding the lender-of-last resort program, demanding the higher standards for private lenders and "leveraging the private sector".
- Simplify higher education tax benefits



#### Obama Proposals

- Establish a \$4,000 fully refundable "American Opportunity Tax Credit" available at the time of enrollment. This tax credit would cover 100 of the first \$4,000 of college education costs. Recipients would be required to perform 100 hours of community service.
- Eliminate the FAFSA, substituting a checkbox on the federal income tax return.
- Replace Federal Family Education Loan Program with 100 percent Direct Lending
- Increase student aid transparency

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# Sports



## NBA Finals: CP3 Or The King?

By JOEY MERKEL and NICK NELSON  
Sports Editor and Staff Writer

Even if most of the autumn sports-commotion descends upon the National Football League, it's hard to ignore that the National Basketball Association was live and in full effect Tuesday night.

Some teams stayed the same, some teams got big additions (including a new city), but one thing is for sure: at the beginning of the season, everyone is sent back to 0-0.

For those not up to speed on all the off-season additions, subtractions and scenery changes, here's a recap and prediction for each division.

### Atlantic Division: Boston Celtics

It's hard to vote against the defending champions to win their own division, so let's not. "The Boston Three Party" is back; one year older and one year wiser, but the fact is that Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen are still all-star caliber players.

The Philadelphia 76ers and the Toronto Raptors will be in the playoff mix for sure but may not have the experience to take down the Celts.

The Sixers saw Thaddeus Young and Andre Miller have breakout seasons and with the veteran leadership of Andre Iguodala and recent free-agent acquisition Elton Brand, they will pick up where they left off last season; the playoffs.

The Nets are getting better, trading for second-year player Yi Jianlian and getting rid of Richard Jefferson's contract was a good move. Could they possibly be gearing up for a big name free agent signing? Possibly someone with a name rhyming with Kabron Barnes?

### Central Division: Detroit Pistons (Nick)/ Cleveland Cavaliers (Joey)

At least one if not both of the Detroit Pistons and Cleveland Cavaliers will be playing in the Eastern Conference finals. Though, the Pistons have the experience, the Cavaliers have youth and experience, not to mention someone named "The King." That's right, LeBron James will lead the Cavs to the third Eastern Conference Finals of his career.

Mo Williams is definitely the best point guard that James has ever played with and he should definitely improve an already excellent team.

The Bulls will hang around all-season, like they always do, but it will depend on how rookie Derrick Rose adapts to the league.

### Southeast Division: Atlanta Hawks

Dwight Howard and the Magic definitely appear to be the front-runner to repeat in the South-

east, but don't forget the Atlanta Hawks came one game shy of knocking off the Boston Celtics in the first round of the playoffs. Al Horford, Mike Bibby, Joe Johnson and Josh Smith are as solid as anyone in the league. How well the team does may revolve around the continuing development of Marvin Williams.

The Wizards are already behind with Gilbert Arenas out until December, but look for the Miami Heat and a pissed off Dwayne Wade to stir up the division. Remember, they still have Shawn Marion, and drafted Michael Beasley this past year.

### Northwest Division: Denver Nuggets (Nick)/ Utah Jazz (Joey)

Carmelo Anthony and Allen Iverson of the Denver Nuggets should win this division every year but because they are both ball hogs, they won't show the same results as Deron Williams and Carlos Boozer of the Utah Jazz. No one else in that division is quite ready to contend, but the closest to that point are the Portland Trailblazers.

The Blazers have Lamarus Aldridge, 2006 Rookie of the Year Brandon Roy and solid point guard in Steve Blake. They also two potential Rookie of the Year candidates in Greg Oden and Spain's Rudy Fernandez, who has been playing professional ball over seas for the past seven years. Look for them to get it together later in the year and continue their progress in the 2009 season.

The Oklahoma City Thunder, previously the Seattle Supersonics, have Kevin Durant. Unfortunately, that's about it. They are probably another few years away from doing a whole lot.

### Pacific Division: Los Angeles Lakers

Hate it or love it, the Lakers will be back and healthy. Fans will finally get a chance to see Kobe Bryant work with multiple seven-footers in Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum. Don't forget about Lamar Odom (6' 11"), who appears to be coming off the bench this year most likely securing him an NBA Sixth Man Award.

Like always, the Suns will make the playoffs and probably get knocked off in the first round by the San Antonio Spurs. "The Big Cactus," Shaquille O'Neal and Steve Nash are both on the extremely ugly side of 30 and are starting to decline right before our eyes.

Do not, I repeat, do not count out the Clippers this season. Yes, they lost Elton Brand after he went back on his word and signed with Philly, but they gained both Marcus Camby and top point guard Baron Davis. Do we dare say that two Los Angeles teams could be in the playoffs?



Courtesy www.bballcity.com

Chris Paul goes up for a finger roll against the Los Angeles Lakers in a game last year. Paul is a preseason MVP candidate.

### Southwest Division: New Orleans Hornets

CP3. Is there any other argument worth discussing? The Southwest is chock full of potential playoff teams in the Spurs, Mavericks and Rockets, but none of those teams have Chris Paul.

The Spurs and Mavericks are getting older, while the Rockets don't have a team that can stay healthy all year. Last year, a potential breakout player of the year award could have gone to the

Hornet's David West or Tyson Chandler. That's not changing.

CP3 for MVP?

Eastern Finals: Pistons over Celtics (Nick)

/Cavaliers over Celtics (Joey)

Western Finals: Hornets over Lakers

NBA Finals: Hornets over Pistons (Nick)/ Cavaliers over Hornets (Joey)

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# Sports

## Eagles Sweep Away Wesley

By CALLI LOWERY  
Staff Writer

The UMW women's volleyball team came away with a victory against Wesley College on Thursday night. The win secured their position to host their first game of the Capital Athletic Conference tournament and increased their record to 4-3 in CAC play and 16-9 overall.

"We had to win this one so we could host our first game. Hopefully, this will motivate us to do well in the tournament and to let us keep winning," junior Anne Lutkenhaus said.

The first match started out slow for both teams with scoring going back and forth. After the Eagles took a lead they never looked back securing the first match with a score of 25-12. The Wolverines fought back in the second match, but still fell short with the score 25-17.

"Our coaches told us that they [Wesley] were number one in blocking and serve aces so we were expecting them to come out strong and put up a solid fight," said freshman Kim Hutcheson. "But I feel as if we met our expectations for this game. Our blocks were up there along with our serves."

The Eagles took the match quickly, sweeping Wesley after a 25-14 win in game 3.

Lutkenhaus had five kills and three serve aces, while senior Kelley Hueber, freshman Tola Adebajo and senior Kat Carter had nineteen kills and fifteen digs combined. Freshman Katie Shiflett also contributed sixteen assists.

"We played fundamentally well but there was a lack of energy on both sides; defense and of-

fense. We just need to keep on improving our blocking and go out there and win our next couple of games," Hutcheson said.

The Eagles game plan consists of a strong, solid balanced team and not just one standout which helped to dominate their opponent. The ladies were able to stick to the basic skills of serving, blocking and offense.

"Our goal every game is to have a balanced attack so then our opponents can't kill us and this game we were pretty balanced," said Coach Dee Conway.

"We played well and our intensity was excellent. The girls did well executing tonight which is key for us as a team."

Granted, the team likes to keep a balanced effort both on defense and offense, but in most games at least one player does exceptionally well. Just recently, Lutkenhaus was named CAC player of the week, making it the third appearance by a lady eagles volleyball member on the list this season.

"This doesn't change my attitude towards the game in any way. It only makes me want to work harder," Lutkenhaus said. "You have to give 110 percent every time regardless if it's the first team or the last placed team in the conference. You still have to do what you do in practice, do your job on the court and give your full effort."

The ladies don't change their attitudes toward their rewarded teammates; they said they support each other even more. With the CAC tournament just days away, the team continues to increase their effort during practice.

"We are nowhere near perfect but we are working on perfection every day. We always need to work on something and that's the basic skills: aggressive with serving, offense balance and tighter blocking," Conway said. "We can't afford to slack off; we are still playing for position in the tournament so we keep working hard every day."

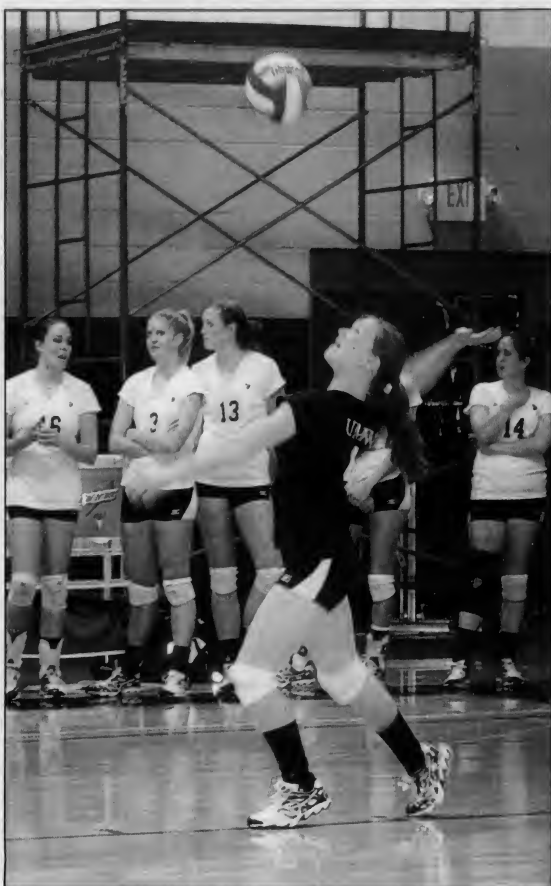
The team does a lot of bonding outside the

“Our goal every game is to have a balanced attack so then our opponents can't kill us.”

— Head Coach Dee Conway



Courtesy Clint Offen



Samantha Daneil/Bullet

Junior Lindsey Scott puts up a serve against Wesley College last Thursday. The Eagles took down Wesley easily, three games to none.

court on their own to make sure their chemistry on the court remains positive. Before the game the players line up next to each other and take turns clapping every ones hands. Also, they build their own music list mixed with songs that will get them pumped up for the game.

"Bonding as a team is key because it makes us play well on the court. Little things like our own music and clapping our hands gets us pumped up for the game," Lutkenhaus said. "We've grown to be a family no matter where we are or what we do."

## Mothers Take No. One Seed in VA Tournament



Emily McAlpine/Bullet

Kyle Hoffman breaks past a Virginia Military Institute player. Mary Washington and VMI could play again in the State tournament this weekend.



Emily McAlpine/Bullet

Darien Ruggles (right) and Preston Hirtten (left) run after a ball during Saturday's rain-soaked Homecoming game against Salisbury University.

## Eagles Tie Salisbury

By NICK NELSON  
Staff Writer

With the thrill of the homecoming spirit running through their veins, the Mary Washington men's soccer team held the archival Salisbury Sea Gulls to a 0-0 tie in front of packed crowd this past Saturday.

Mary Washington and Salisbury were each held to nine total shots throughout the game, but thanks to rock-solid defense and determined goal-keeping on both sides, the game completed scoreless despite ninety minutes of regulation and two hard fought overtime periods.

Junior goalkeeper Emmett Rutkowski had four saves for the Eagles, while Salisbury's Greg Welighoff converted two saves.

"We kept it in perspective of the conference standings. You always want to win, but be it against Marymount or Salisbury, we needed two positive results," Coach Roy Gordon said. "Winning against Marymount gives us a bye on Sunday and home field on Wednesday."

With Saturday's tie and Tuesday's 3-1 win over Marymount University, the Eagles improved to 9-4-3 overall and 5-1-2 in conference play, clinching second place in the Capital Athletic Conference and securing a playoff berth.

Gordon was very clear in how to prepare for Saturday's high-stakes rivalry game.

"Honestly, we let that take care of itself," Gordon said. "The guys know that it's an important game. We know what we need to take care of. We trained very hard for this."

"We absolutely feed off the crowd's energy," Gordon said. "We knew Salisbury was a competitive team. Our two teams are very alike. There's always going to be so much emotion in a game like this, so getting revved by the crowd is so big."

By clinching second place in the conference, Mary Washington achieved a first round-bye in the conference playoffs, which start Nov. 2. The Eagles will now have the luxury of resting their players until the semifinal round Nov. 5, where they will face one of the winners of the quarterfinal match up.

"You play until you lose," Gordon said. "You always want the conference championship, and we go into every season knowing we can get to the conference finals."

Mary Washington takes the field again in a home game at the Battlegrounds on Wednesday, Oct 5. They will face the winner of the Salisbury/Marymount contest at a time to be announced later.